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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-25 and claim 27 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 26 and 28 - 32 to read as follows:

26. (Amended) A polymeric medical balloon having a [reduced] radial shrinkage less than 10% [and reduced axial growth].

28. (Amended) The polymeric balloon of claim [27] 26 wherein the radial shrinkage is less than about 6%.